(c) whether Government are aware of the increasing prices of pulses in the market resulting in great hardships to the common man; and

(d) what steps Government have taken in this regard and utilise the reserve stock of pulses for bringing down their prices in the market?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The Central Government does not have any buffer stock of pulses.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government is aware of significant increase in the prices of pulses and has taken several measures to check rise in prices and improve their availability. Import of pulses is allowed under Open General Licence Government have asked National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) and State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STC) to import some quantity of pulses. For maintaining supplies and for securing equitable distribution and availability of pulses at fair prices, the Govervent have recently reduced the stock limits of pulses to be stored by wholesalers and retailers. The import duty on pulses has also been reduced.

Eucalyptus Plantation

3869. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few years back farmers had taken to eucalyptus plantation in a big way;

(b) whether the return therefrom has been much less than the projected figures given by Government while motivating the farmers;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the estimated decline in eucalyptus and popular plantations during the last year as compared to the year before?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Farmers have taken to Eucalyptus planting in a big way in some areas of the country.

(b) to (d) In the absence of studies and surveys about the economics of and area coverage under Eucalyptus plantations on farmers' fields, no information is available.

उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के भांडागार

3870. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के कितने भांडागार है तथा ये किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थित है ;

(ख) क्या चालू वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में कुछ और भंडागारों का निर्माण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री एच०के०एल० भगत) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश मे भारतीय खाद्य निगम की जिन केन्द्रों में स्वयं अपनी अथवा किराये की ढकी हुई भंडारण क्षमता है, उनकी संख्या 152 है । इन केन्द्रों के स्थानों को बताने वाला एक विवरण संलग्न है । [देखिए परिशिष्ट CXLIV, अनुपत्र संख्या 163]

(ख) और (ग) भारतीय खाद्य निगम इस समय निम्नलिखित केन्द्रों में 2,00,150 मीटरी टन की भंडारण क्षमता का निर्माण कर रहा है —

(मीटरी टन में)

क्र० सं०	केन्द्र	क्षमता
1	कोसीकला	34,830
2	गोंडा	30,000
3	बाराबंकी	30,000
4	रोजा	30,000
5	बुलन्दशहर	26,680
6	बरेली	20,000
7	प्रतापपुर	19,580
8	मुरादाबाद	5,000
9	मथुरा	2,240
10	वाराणसी	1,820
		2,00,150

उत्तर प्रदेश के आवासों के लिये विश्व बैंक द्वारा सहायता

3871. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान आवास कार्यक्रमों को क्रियान्वित करने के लिये उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य को विश्व बैंक से कितनी धनराशि की सहायता प्राप्त हुई है और इस धनराशि से निर्मित आवासों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : उत्तर प्रदेश में नितान्त रूप से तथा विशेषतया आवास कार्यक्रमों की परियोजनाओं के लिये विश्व बैंक की कोई सहायता नहीं दी गई है।

Mini Steel Plants in Gujarat

3872. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently received any proposal to set up Mini Steel Plants in Gujaart; and

(b) if so, by when such plants are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M L. FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in prices of essential commodities

2873 SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what were the increase in prices of the main essential commodities per quarter during the last two years with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H K.L. BHAGAT):

The information is given in the statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIV Annexure No 164]

Use of Handia by Adivasis

3874. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 'Handia' (Rice Liquor) is widely used by the Adivasis of Orissa, Bihar, Bengal and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that All India Coordinated Research Programme on Ethnology (AICRPE) has been conducting research on the life, culture, customs, traditions, knowledge, health, nutrition, basic needs and espirations of the tribal people since 1980;

(c) if so what is the nutritive value of Handia as drink/liquid food as per AICRPE findings;